

Sensenbrenner	Sullivan	Weldon (FL)
Sessions	Tancredo	Weller
Shadegg	Terry	Westmoreland
Shimkus	Thornberry	Whitfield
Shuster	Tiahrt	Wicker
Simpson	Tiberi	Wilson (NM)
Smith (NE)	Turner	Wilson (SC)
Smith (NJ)	Upton	Wolf
Smith (TX)	Walberg	Young (AK)
Souder	Walden (OR)	Young (FL)
Stearns	Wamp	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—13

Barrett (SC)	Hastings (WA)	Roybal-Allard
Bonner	Jones (NC)	Shuler
Delahunt	Kline (MN)	Snyder
Gilchrest	Matheson	
Green, Gene	McCaull (TX)	

NOT VOTING—11

Baird	Jones (OH)	Shays
Berkley	Kirk	Walsh (NY)
Brown, Corrine	McMorris	
DeGette	Rodgers	
Hunter	Putnam	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on the vote.

□ 1710

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1100, CARL SANDBURG HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BOUNDARY REVISION ACT OF 2007

Ms. CASTOR, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-165) on the resolution (H. Res. 429) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1100) to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SENATE AMNESTY BILL IS DOA IN FLORIDA'S FIFTH DISTRICT

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, when I was a child and I misbehaved, my mother would give me a stare that could curdle milk. Believe me, when I saw that stare, I knew how angry she was.

Well, after reading the Senate amnesty giveaway plan, I now know how to give that same look, and so do my constituents. Rather than doing what the American people want, securing our borders, the Senate has thrown open the barn doors and given away the farm.

Our Nation already faces huge deficits in Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Now the Senate and President Bush want to give away to anywhere from 12 to 20 million illegal immigrants the possibility to get welfare benefits, Social Security and Medicare.

My constituents back home in Florida work hard each and every day to pay their taxes and to keep America strong. In contrast, the Senate amnesty plan rewards illegal behavior and gives away our constituents' hard-earned Social Security and Medicare dollars.

Listen up, America. The Senate amnesty plan is a tax amnesty bill. This is bad legislation.

THIS HOUSE IS FALLING DOWN AROUND THE MAJORITY'S PROMISES

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I didn't have planned remarks, but then again, I didn't think what we just witnessed would take place today.

We had heard for 1½ years, 2 years, that if the Democratic Party got the majority in this House, we would have the most bipartisan Congress ever. We were told there would be no earmarks if the Democratic majority took control of this House. There would be all love and affection.

Well, of course, we saw how procedural rules went early this year, had things crammed down our throats, no chance for amendments, no participation, no committee involvement. Then we have a threat, an unrefuted allegation of a threat over earmarks. Unbelievable.

This party that was going to be so bipartisan will not even let discussion take place over whether or not a threat occurred. This House is falling down around the majority's promises.

□ 1715

IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. CROWLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, let me just for a moment talk about where we are at this point with immigration reform, as from my observation I see the Senate has done some of the work. It negotiated the bill that they will then bring before their house, and further negotiations will take place, and bill amendments will be made to that legislation. Ultimately they will pass a bill on immigration reform in their house.

We will then have an opportunity on our side to do a similar measure. It will be different from the Senate when they go to conference. In that conference, hopefully we will be able to get to a bill we can all agree upon, we can send to the President, and the President can sign into law.

Let's not rush to judgment on what that legislation will be. This bill is not going to be amnesty. This bill is going to be one that will secure our borders, that will create a virtual fence, one that will address the issues of illegal

immigration, but also address the issue of the 12 million undocumented, those who find themselves in illegal status here in the United States today. The human element is as much an important part of how we move forward to deal with this issue, and I hope that all my colleagues keep an open mind as the debate moves forward.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COURTNEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

SUPPORTING THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE FOR ACCUSED MARINES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, only those who have been to war can truly understand the hell of war. I have not been to war, but I know enough to understand that when our men and women are in harm's way, we should be respectful of the extreme dangers they encounter. Most of us cannot imagine the stress that those in uniform undergo when they have to make a split-second decision as to whether to fire or be fired upon, to kill or be killed.

Recently in Afghanistan, the vehicle convoy of U.S. Special Operations marines stationed at Camp Lejeune was struck by a suicide bomber during an ambush. After the incident, why I do not know, an Army official felt compelled to speak out in the press. Whether intentionally or not, this Army officer implicated the marines in the killing of Afghanistan civilians by stating, "Americans have killed and wounded innocent Afghan people."

His comments were irresponsible and without respect for his fellow comrades. The four branches of the military are a family. No one in the military family should be in the newspapers criticizing a fellow member of that family who has been faced with death. And, because of his comments to the press, these marines have been publicly indicted as indiscriminate killers.

Mr. Speaker, President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled, and less than that no man shall have."

To ensure due process for these marines, all military officials should refrain from making public comments or expressing their opinions about the incident until the investigation is complete and all the facts are verified. Mr. Speaker, our military servicemembers, the military family, and certainly these marines deserve no less.